



MEMORANDUM

Date: May 27, 2009

To: Mayor and City Council

Through: Charles McNeely, City Manager

From: Maureen McKissick, Grant and Fund Development Manager

Subject: Updates re the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

During the period May 13-May 27, 2009, the following developments occurred:

The City was notified that the Recovery (R)-COPS Hiring Grant award announcement has been moved from August to September 30. The City's application was for ~\$2.7 million for 10 sworn officers for 3 years. Nationally, more than \$8.4 billion worth of grant requests were received for the \$1 billion in available funding.

The Reno Police Department's R-Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) money (~\$440,000) is expected to fund during June. Council approved the use of R-JAG funds on March 25.

The Substantial Amendment to the City's HUD Action Plan incorporating the use of R-CDBG funds is posting on the City web site today for the required public comment period (www.cityofreno.com/recovery). Staff will be submitting the amendment to HUD by June 5. Council approved the use of R-CDBG funds on March 25.

National Endowment for the Arts

The City submitted a \$10,000 grant application to the NV Arts Council for public art maintenance technicians. The NV Arts Council received ~\$300,000 from the ARRA which it is distributing statewide; the City's request was the maximum allowable. If awarded, grant funds will be used in support of activities relating to the City's four galleries, e.g. installations, press releases. Awards will be announced by the end of June for funding that will start July 30.

FEMA

On May 15, the City submitted a \$169,000 grant application to the local United Way chapter for operations at the Community Assistance Center. The local United Way received approximately \$175,000 through the ARRA. The City should learn the outcome of the application by late June.

HUD

The RFP for ARRA Neighborhood Stabilization Funds was released on May 5 and is due on July 17. There is \$2 billion available nationally through the ARRA. City staff plans to submit an application in partnership with the other jurisdictions.